

REMARKS

Applicant inadvertantly omitted Figures 1 through 6 in the above-identified application as filed. Figures 1 through 6 are not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Therefore, Figures 1 through 6 do not fall under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence). Accordingly, applicant has amended the specification to delete all reference to said figures.

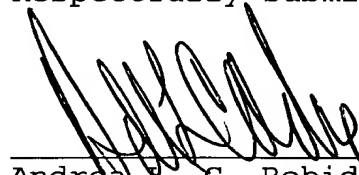
Applicant has submitted herewith a copy of the original specification pages 1-30 clearly marking the deleted matter with red ink and bracketing (see Appendix A). Applicant has also submitted herewith a clean copy of the amended specification pages 1-28 (see Appendix B).

None of these amendments adds any new matter.

The amendments set forth above result in a change in the pagination and a decrease in the number of pages in the specification as filed and, consequently, former specification pages 1-30 are replaced by substitute specification pages 1-28 submitted herewith.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the foregoing remarks and enter the indicated amendments prior to substantive examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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